

3. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-13 are not anticipated by Nordman (US 6,061,346).

Nordman has no disclosure whatsoever related to a multimedia message server and thus fails to disclose a data transmission system including at least one multimedia message server as recited in Applicant's claim 1. Nordman also fails to disclose informing the at least one multimedia message server of an activation of a data transmission connection for a wireless terminal as is also recited in claim 1. Nordman still further fails to disclose another feature of claim 1, that is, transmitting the multimedia messages to the wireless terminal using the activated data transmission connection upon informing the at least one multimedia message server of the activation of the data transmission connection.

In Nordman, column 9, line 1, through column 11, line 41, describes wireless host access to a private IP network used to form a Home Intelligent Peripheral Network. There is no disclosure in Nordman, let alone in the portion cited by the Office Action, related to a multimedia message server, or any type of transmission of multimedia messages.

The Office Action explains Nordman's Figure 4 and its description as showing that Nordman first authenticates the remote communication station and then examines if that remote communication station is allowed to join the network.

It appears that the concepts of the present invention are not understood because the starting point for Applicant's invention is quite different. In the present invention, the initial question is whether a multimedia message can be delivered to a terminal. When a terminal activates a data transmission

connection to the device, this event is signaled to the network multimedia message server (MMSV), from which the activated data transmission connection is utilized to forward the multimedia message to the mobile station. This is described in the three last paragraphs of claim 1.

The Nordman reference relates to a completely different environment, and does not discuss the transmission of a multimedia message. Nordman begins by setting up a connection from a wireless terminal to a private local area network in such a way that two IP addresses are not needed for the connection. This is very different from the transmission of a multimedia message as described by the present invention.

The Office Action compares the third element of Applicant's claim 1 (informing the multimedia server of the activation of a data transmission connection) to steps 164 and 166 in Figure 4 of Nordman. In fact, Figure 4 does not in any way show a step of informing the multimedia server of the activation of the data transmission connection of the terminal. In contrast to the interpretation in the Office Action, Figure 4 appears to illustrate normal terminal authentication and connection set-up in a private IP network, as is summarized, for example, on page 11, lines 24 to 26 of the reference.

At least for these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Nordman does not anticipate claim 1.

Claims 8 and 12 are directed to similar subject matter and are patentable over Nordman for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-11, and 13 depend from claims 1, 8, or 12 and therefore are also patentable over Nordman.

4. Claim 5 is patentable over the combination of Nordman in view of Taguchi et al. (US 6,163,532, hereinafter "Taguchi").

Claim 5 depends from claim 1. For the reasons stated above, the combination of Nordman and Taguchi fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claim 1. Taguchi does not overcome the deficiencies of Nordman and therefore does not render claim 5 unpatentable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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